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Re: Valley Health System, LLC d/b/a Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center,  
and Valley Hospital Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Valley Hospital Medical Center  
Cases 28-CA-184993, et al.

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Dear Ms. Demirok:

This letter acknowledges the December 21, 2018 electronic filing of General Counsel's Answering Brief to Respondent's Exceptions in the above-referenced case. Your brief is 60 pages in length. Under Section 102.46(h) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, answering briefs "must not exceed 50 pages in length, exclusive of subject index and table of cases and other authorities cited." Under Section 102.5, requests to exceed the page limits "must state the reasons for the requests" and "must be filed not less than 10 days prior to the date the document is due." You did not request permission to exceed the page limits for your answering brief.<sup>1</sup> As your answering brief exceeds the 50-page limit, it cannot be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> By letter dated October 15, 2018, the Executive Secretary's Office granted an extension of time request and the Respondents' request for permission to exceed the 50-page limit for brief in support of exceptions (not to exceed 60 pages in length). However, this Office stated that the "permission to exceed the 50-page limit for brief in support of exceptions applies to all parties who file exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's decision. Please note that *this extension of the page limit does not apply to any other briefs to be filed in this matter. All other briefs to be filed in this matter must conform to the page limits set forth in Sec. 102.46 of the Board's Rules and Regulations*" (emph. added).

The Board's policy, however, is to provide an opportunity for a party that has filed a nonconforming brief to resubmit a brief that complies with the Board's Rules. Therefore, if you desire to file a brief that conforms to the 50-page limit, you may do so. **Such a conforming brief must be filed with the Board no later than the close of business January 3, 2019.** No extension of time will be granted for the resubmission of the brief. Please note that, under Rule 102.46(b)(2), the "answering brief to the exceptions must be limited to the questions raised in the exceptions and the brief in support." You are cautioned to limit your argument to the questions raised in the exceptions and supporting brief.

Very truly yours,

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